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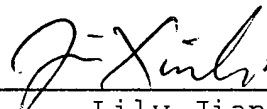
Applicant : Vahid Saadat  
For : MULTI-BARBED DEVICE FOR RETAINING TISSUE  
IN APPOSITION AND METHODS OF USE

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Washington, D.C. 20231

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR UNEXECUTED  
ORIGINAL PATENT APPLICATION

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing are the  
[X] specification; [X] claims; [X] abstract; [X] unexecuted  
declaration; [X] printEFS data sheet, for the above-identified  
patent application.

Also transmitted herewith are:

[X] 4 sheets of:

[ ] Formal drawings.

[X] Informal drawings. Formal drawings will be filed  
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from which priority is claimed.

[ ] An assignment of the invention to \_\_\_\_\_

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| TOTAL CLAIMS                  | 21 - 20 =       | 1               | X \$ 9 =  | \$ 9.00         |
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[ ] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: -- This is a [ ] continuation-in-part, of application Serial No.: \_\_\_\_\_, filed  
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